

REMARKS

Claims 78 and 98-188 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 78 and 98-188 are subjected to a restriction requirement.

As the basis of the restriction requirement, the Official Action states, in relevant part:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I: claim(s) 78, 98-115, drawn to a method for changing the temperature of a sample in order to freeze the sample.

Group II: claim(s) 116-188, drawn to a method of method for changing the temperature of a sample in order to freeze the sample.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect claim(s) 78 and 98-115 of Group I, drawn to a method for changing the temperature of a sample in order to freeze the sample, without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Having made the required election, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

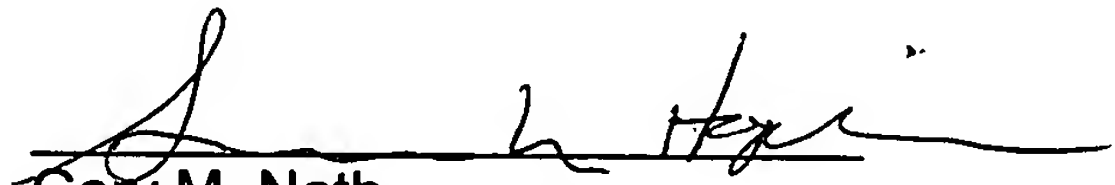
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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